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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[OMB 3060-0228; FRS 20905]

**Information Collection Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission** 

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collections. Comments are requested concerning: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection

The FCC may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the PRA that does not display a valid OMB control number.

techniques or other forms of information technology; and ways to further reduce the information

collection burden on small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees.

DATES: Written PRA comments should be submitted on or before [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER **DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER**]. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Direct all PRA comments to Cathy Williams, FCC, via email to PRA@fcc.gov and to Cathy. Williams@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information about the information collection, contact Cathy Williams at (202) 418-2918.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** 

OMB Control Number: 3060-0228.

Title: Section 80.59, Compulsory Ship Inspections and Ship Inspection Certificates, FCC Forms 806,

824, 827 and 829.

Form Numbers: FCC Forms 806, 824, 827 and 829.

**Type of Review:** Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities, not-for-profit institutions and state, local or tribal

government.

Number of Respondents: 2,438 respondents; 2,438 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: 0.084 hours (5 minutes)—4 hours per response.

Frequency of Response: On occasion, annual and every five-year reporting requirements, recordkeeping

requirement and third party disclosure requirement.

**Obligation To Respond:** Required to obtain or retain benefits. Statutory authority for this information

collection is contained in 47 U.S.C. 4, 303, 309, 332 and 362 of the Communications Act of 1934, as

amended.

**Total Annual Burden:** 10,333 hours.

Total Annual Cost: No cost.

**Privacy Impact Assessment:** No impact(s).

Needs and Uses: The requirements contained in 47 CFR 80.59 of the Commission's rules are necessary to

implement the provisions of section 362(b) of the Communications Act of 934, as amended, which

require the Commission to inspect the radio installation of large cargo ships and certain passenger ships at

least once a year to ensure that the radio installation is in compliance with the requirements of the

Communications Act.

Further, section 80.59(d) states that the Commission may, upon a finding that the public interest would be

served, grant a waiver of the annual inspection required by section 362(b) of the Communications Act of

1934, for a period of not more than 90 days for the sole purpose of enabling the United States vessel to

complete its voyage and proceed to a port in the United States where an inspection can be held. An

information application must be submitted by the ship's owner, operator or authorized agent. The

application must be submitted to the Commission's District Director or Resident Agent in charge of the

FCC office nearest the port of arrival at least three days before the ship's arrival. The application must

provide specific information that is in rule section 80.59.

Additionally, the Communications Act requires the inspection of small passenger ships at least once every

five years.

The Safety Convention (to which the United States is a signatory) also requires an annual inspection.

The Commission allows FCC-licensed technicians to conduct these inspections. FCC-licensed technicians

certify that the ship has passed an inspection and issue a safety certificate. These safety certificates, FCC

Forms 806, 824, 827 and 829 indicate that the vessel complies with the Communications Act of 1934, as

amended and the Safety Convention. These technicians are required to provide a summary of the results

of the inspection in the ship's log that the inspection was satisfactory.

Inspection certificates issued in accordance with the Safety Convention must be posted in a prominent

and accessible place on the ship (third party disclosure requirement).

**Federal Communications Commission.** 

Marlene Dortch,

Secretary.

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